

# City of Austin

# Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3310, Agenda Item #: 47.

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# Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept up to \$2,000,000 from the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to transfer in and appropriate up to \$2,000,000 from the Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund in support of the development and construction of transit improvements.

# Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

#### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 is available from Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

#### Prior Council Action:

Ordinance No. 20180322-032 authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to develop and construct transit-supportive improvements; and amended the Austin Transportation Department' budget to accept funds in support of the transit-supportive improvements. The ordinance was approved on consent on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Pool absent.

# For More Information:

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#### Additional Backup Information:

The interlocal cooperation agreement (ILA) with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, for the Transit Speed and Reliability Project, effective March 22, 2018, authorizes the parties to cooperatively develop and construct a transportation system that serves a variety of users who use different types of transportation such as sidewalks, buses, and other vehicles that travel on the roads.

### Through the ILA the City:

- designs, manages, constructs, and maintains a group of subprojects that includes sidewalk construction, accessibility improvements, bus stops, markings, signage, signals, and other traffic devices within the City right-of-way that improve transit speed and reliability for Capital Metro customers;
- (ii) performs certain design services; and is
- (iii) developing a model of downtown traffic that includes the variety of transportation system uses.

The initial ILA provided that Capital Metro would support the project through \$3,000,000 over the course of 3 years. Funding for the initial amount of \$1,000,000 was transferred to the City from Capital Metro and made

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available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. No funding request was made of Capital Metro in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 because projects were in preliminary stages of analysis and design. As projects have developed further toward implementation, it is expected that up to \$2,000,000 will be needed to support final design and construction, which is the balance of funding committed in the ILA.

This amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) and the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) allows for the transfer in and appropriation of up to \$2,000,000 in support of the development and construction of the transit-supportive improvements outlined in the ILA.